

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 17, 2018

Agenda Item: Fishing Access Site Biennial Rule

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

FWP is recommending the commission propose a Fishing Access Site Biennial Rule for 2018-2019.

The rule pertains to:

- Fees (camping, group use permits, facility rentals, special recreation permits)
- Stipulations on camping at fishing access sites
- Group Use Permit requirements (groups of more than 30 people)
- Special Recreation Permit requirements (permit system in place on the Blackfoot and Madison rivers for commercial use, competitive events, organized group activities)

The new rule would replace the current FAS Biennial Rule, which was adopted by the commission in December 2016. The proposed rule contains no changes to the fees, stipulations or regulations governing the activities listed above.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Upon approval of the proposed rule by the commission, FWP will announce and conduct a public comment period. This will be advertised through statewide and regional press releases.

Alternatives and Analysis

The commission could choose to make amendments to the proposed rule before seeking public comment.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends the commission propose the FAS Biennial Rule as presented. The department increased the camping fees in 2016 and does not see the need to change them again so soon. Similarly, the permit requirements and stipulations for camping have been effective and are not judged to be in need of change.

Proposed Motion

I move that the commission propose a Fishing Access Site Biennial Rule for 2018-2019 and seek public comment.